

September 2020 – Full Return to School Risk Assessment – Covid-19

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The purpose of this document is to:

- Identify the activities and potential hazards that may occur upon re-opening the school to all pupils
- Assess who could potentially be at risk and the implications
- What measures need to be undertaken to remove or reduce this risk
- The actions that would need undertaking to support those measures
- An impact assessment, based on the following grid
- From this document an overall picture of the risk involved can be obtained, which will inform any reasoning behind decisions made that may have an impact on the public health of our pupils, staff, and the wider community



Hazard: Something with the potential to cause harm.

To Assess Risk: Consider Severity (S) and Likelihood (L) without Control Measures. Multiply (S x L)= risk

Describe Control Measures: Control measure(s) **reduce** the likelihood, **and/or** severity of **harm**, reducing **risk**.

Re-assess Risk, considering Severity (S) and Likelihood (L) with Control Measures in place.

Multiply (S x L) = **Risk Rating** (with controls).

Severity (S)	x	Likelihood (L)	=	Risk Ratings (R)		
Fatality = 5		Likely = 5		20 +	Very High Risk	
Injury (Specified injury / RIDDOR reportable) = 4		Probable = 4		15 - 19	High Risk	
Injury (requiring treatment and/or 3 to 7 day absence) = 3		Possible = 3		9 – 14	Medium Risk	
Injury (requiring treatment and/ or absence less than 3 days) = 2		Unlikely = 2		4 – 8	Low Risk	
Minor Injury = 1		Very Unlikely = 1		1 - 3	Very Low risk	



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People with the virus infecting others Risk to health due to COVID- 19	Preventi on	Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have COVID-19 symptoms, or someone in their household does, do not attend school (All times)	Communicate so that everyone knows that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms</u> , or have tested positive in the last 10 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home. This will be communicated by: Staff handbook and training, Parents letters, COVID agreement and information on the website. Parents not to send children with symptoms to school. Any child displaying symptoms to be escorted straight to the isolation room and be sent home. Staff to inform HT as soon as any symptoms (Phone HT mobile). If the staff member is in school, call the office/SLT to ensure someone can be with the children (if applicable) and go home (if safe to travel, or if not attend the isolation room until support is arranged). Those sent home should follow ' <u>stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u> ', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should <u>arrange to have a test</u> to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. Siblings of children displaying symptoms will be sent home at the same time as the symptomatic child.	5	2	10



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			Isolation room – Art Block Windows should be opened to ensure ventilation. The rooms are equipped with a first-aid kit, bottled drinking water, PPE and hand sanitiser. These items are stored in a lidded box to ensure these items to not become soiled. Protocol for responding to a person(s) who has fallen ill: if any pupil or staff member is showing Covid-19 related symptoms, they must be escorted to the isolation room immediately. The staff member supervising the patient must wear PPE (mask, gloves, apron, eye protector) and must oversee the individual until they are collected from school. With Covid-19 related incidents schools should follow their normal protocol for responding to accidents, with the additional requirement of maintaining social distancing, the use of PPE and the need to keep the individual within the isolation room until they are collected. If a pupil/staff members condition is not considered critical, for children, their parents should be asked to collect them as quickly as possible. If the condition of the patient is considered critical, the emergency services should be contacted via 999. Anyone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms should not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use the art block toilet. The 'Do not use' sign should be displayed and the toilet must be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products (bleach)			



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		 after physical exercise After toilet use All visitors must be directed to wash their hands or to use hand sanitiser upon arrival. Each class has a designated hand washing station. Hand sanitiser 'stations' for pupils and staff are available in each class and for staff in offices, staff rooms. Hand sanitiser should be kept away from the children due to risks around ingestion. Small children and pupils with complex needs should continue to be helped to clean their hands properly. All children should be taught who to wash their hands correctly and the NHS song should be used to support this. Signs are erected in all classrooms/near all sinks to ensure that pupils are reminded how to wash their hands correctly. Teachers should make sure they wash their hands and surfaces, before and after handling pupils' books. Schools to ensure: the availability of soap and hot water in every toilet (and if possible in classrooms) Cleaning team to check daily before the start of school the location of hand sanitiser stations, for example at the school entrance for pupils and any other person passing into the school to use, and their replenishment - Sinks to be used by children Signs marking handwashing area for each bubble 			



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Risk to health due to COVID- 19		Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting a 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach (All times)	 Staff to promote/ teach the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach Supplies of tissues in all spaces – administrators to ensure that stocks are replenished to ensure sufficient supplied. Lidded bins available Signage to promote good respiratory hygiene Individual pupil risk assessments in place risk assessments where necessary Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in primary schools. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. From January 2021, all staff must wear face coverings in communal areas unless eating or drinking, which should only happen in the staff room. Clear face shields may also be worn in classrooms at staff discretion. 	5	2	10
Risk to health due to COVID- 19		Introduce enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach (All times) Enhanced cleaning schedule includes: more frequent cleaning of rooms / shared areas that are used by different groups frequently touched surfaces	Cleaning schedule (group settings): if only one group is using a space, cleaning must be completed once a day. Cleaning schedule (communal areas): For any areas shared by staff or different groups, at least one additional midday clean must be completed. Areas used by different groups should be cleaned in between groups. Cleaning supplies: ensure good stock levels are maintained at all times. Any mats used should be disinfected after use (when the children are out of the classroom/hall) High touch surfaces (door handles, toilet levers, taps, banisters, soap dispensers, telephone etc) and toilets should be disinfected at 11.30am and 1.30pm. The lead member of staff will ensure this is completed by floating staff. Cleaning checklist to be completed.	5	2	10



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Disk to health	Droventi	 being cleaned more often than normal different groups don't need to be allocated their own toilet blocks, but toilets will need to be cleaned regularly and pupils must be encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet 	 All areas thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day by Cleaning team - along with telephones. All staff to use disinfectant/appropriate cleaner on telephones, radios and computers before use. Children and staff have their own set of resources. Unnecessary items removed. Soft furnishings & toys limited and rotated regularly. Playdough permitted but rotated. Children encouraged not to share. Regularly disposed off and refreshed. Children to wash hands before and after using mallable materials including sand. Climbing frames should not be used. Pending additional risk assessment. Library book box to allow for books to be left for 72 hours before use 			10
Risk to health due to COVID- 19	Preventi on	Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible (Properly consider & schools put in place measures that suit their circumstances) Schools must do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. The overarching principle to apply is reducing the number of contacts	 Groups of Children & Locations: There will be 4 bubbles: Bubble A – EYFS They will only use the toilets and cloakrooms in the EYFS area Bubble B – Years 1 and Year 2. They will use the lower school toilets and cloakrooms. Bubble C: Years 3 and 4. They will use the 2 toilets closest to Year 4. Bubble D: Years 5 and 6. They will use the 4 toilets closest to the Year 5 and 6 classrooms. Although school has 4 bubbles, classes within bubbles should be distanced wherever possible. Bubble will predominately only mix outside at lunchtimes 	5	2	10



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		 between children and staff. This can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in 'bubbles') and through maintaining distance between individuals. These are not alternative options and both measures will help, but the balance between them will change depending on: children's ability to distance the lay out of the school the feasibility of keeping distinct groups separate while offering a broad curriculum (especially at secondary) 	or in the hall when they can ensure social distancing between the 2 classes. Measures within the classroom Ideally, adults should maintain 2 metre distance from each other, and from children as far as possible. Teachers will set their classrooms to facilitate this. However, children will need feedback and support from adults as they would previously have received. Adults may, and are expected to, give this support as needed. However, adults should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. Staff may wear clear visiors or face masks in classrooms if they wish. They must be see through to allow children to see faces clearly. This will not be possible when working with many pupils who have complex needs or who need close contact care. These pupils' educational and care support should be provided as normal.			
		It is likely that for younger children the emphasis will be on separating groups, and for older children it will be on distancing. For children old enough, they should also be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff where possible. Consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission by limiting the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group. They have been used in	For children old enough, they should also be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff and their peers where possible. All pupils from Year 2 and above should be seated side by side and facing forwards. Pupils will have a designated desk place. Those pupils that may require additional support will be seated nearer the front. Unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make more space to have as much space between pupils as possible. Children (Year 1 and above) to have a set place in each class and all pupils will			



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		school in the summer term in recognition that children, and especially the youngest children, cannot socially distance from staff or from each other and this provides an additional protective measure. Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and keep that number as small as possible.	not be able to freely move around school. The number of resources in classes has been reduced/reorganised in order to make sure surfaces can be wiped clean. Wherever possible, resources which are not easily washable or wipeable will be removed. For younger children, the resources made available for child-initiated learning should be carefully considered. Children should be taught to wash their hands frequently, but particularly after using wheeled bikes, trikes and other large, movable toys. Children should be encouraged where possible not to touch their faces or to put objects in their mouths.			
		Schools should assess their circumstances and if class-sized groups are not compatible with offering a full range of subjects or managing the practical logistics within and around school, they can look to implement year group sized 'bubbles'. Whatever the size of the group, they should be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children should be encouraged to keep their distance within groups. Schools with the capability to do it should take steps to limit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups as much as possible. When using larger	 Interventions Staff wash hands before and after working with each pupil /group of pupils A space is identified for the intervention to take place, where the member of support staff will maintain a distance from the pupils. The school will review groups so that each small group receiving support is drawn from one bubble only All equipment needed for the child is set up in the space before the start of the session / Pupils will bring all equipment they require with them to the intervention area. Staff go to the child's classroom, standing at the entrance to collect the pupil(s) (not entering the classroom) The child(ren) follows the staff member (at a distance) to the identified area and returns to class following the intervention in the same way The intervention is provided at a distance After the child(ren) has returned to class, the member of staff cleans the desk area and washes any equipment that needs to be used by another 			



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		groups the other measures from the system of controls become even more important, to minimise transmission risks and to minimise the numbers of pupils and staff who may need to self-isolate. We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable. This will be particularly important for secondary schools. Where staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. Again, we recognise this is not likely to be possible with younger children and teachers in primary schools can still work across groups if that is needed to enable a full educational offer.	pupilMusic and singingSocial distancing should be observed in singing lessons which may mean that smaller groups are needed, or that classes use the hall or outside for singing. Care should be taken to keep background music low to prevent voices being raised unduly.Pupils should be placed back to back or side by side wherever possible. Pupils must always wash their hands before and after touching instruments Avoid sharing instruments where possible. Where this is not possible, they should be disinfected after each user. Instruments should be cleaned by the pupil playing where possible. Performances will be avoided at the current time.Measures elsewhere Groups should be kept apart therefore: Assemblies will be in classes through MS TEAMSStaggered playtimes and lunchtimes have been established along with zoned areas.Lunches to be taken in classrooms. Packed lunches only. Outside areas to be zoned for different bubbles (trim trails/tyres not to be used initially - pending additional risk assessment).All children will eat lunches in the hall. Areas will be allocated to each bubble and only one bubble will be in the hall at a time.			



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			 and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. Usual school day times will be followed – 8.50am until 3.15. Children will use their external classroom entrances. 2 metre markings on playground and pathways will still be in place. Pupils use hand sanitizer on entry to school, then will be sent individually to hang their coat up and wash their hands. Other considerations Social stories will be developed where appropriate for SEND children so that they are prepared for the changes. Supply teachers/peripatetic teachers can move between schools however they should maintain minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible. Visitors: From January 2021, all visitors including parents must wear a face covering when on site. Parents must do so to collect and drop off children even if only going onto the school playground. Where possible, visits should take place outside of school hours. Parents must be asked to arrange telephone appointments should discussions with teachers be required. Face-to-face meetings must be discouraged. Urgent face-to-face meetings taken must ensure that social distancing is maintained. Visitors should be asked that if they have symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms that they do not enter the school grounds. Hygiene and physical distancing should be explained before or on arrival. Hand washing should take place immediately before and after a meeting. 			



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			The office will no longer be 'open', messages will be via email and appointments telephone/virtual.			
			Deliveries - Deliveries to be left outside/lobby where social distancing is maintained. Staff should not need to sign for deliveries.			
			Resources:			
			Classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the bubble; these should be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. Resources that are shared between classes or bubbles, such as sports, art and science equipment should be cleaned frequently and meticulously and always between bubbles, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different bubbles.			
			Outdoor playground equipment should be more frequently cleaned.			
			Pupils must limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats and books. Bags are allowed.			
			Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided, especially where this does not contribute to pupil education and development. Hands should be cleaned before and after use. These resources should also be cleaned / rotated.			
			Entry and exit points (classrooms) : where possible, we will use doors leading outside in addition to the main door leading in from corridors Fire doors to be used for entry to bubbles and at playtimes.			



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			 should be provided to staff members; a fluid-resistant surgical face-mask disposable gloves disposable aprons These items are considered single-use and must be securely placed in a clinical waste bin when no longer required. In addition, protective eye wear should be worn and disinfected after use where there is a risk of droplets entering the eye. Administration team will order sufficient levels of these items. Govt guidance usage sheet showing the correct usage of PPE is kept with all PPE supplies/first aid boxes. PPE to be located in isolation rooms, supply in each bubble and office. 			
Risk to health due to COVID- 19	Respon se to infectio n	Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process (Must be followed in every case where they are relevant)	 Communicate requirement that staff and parents will need to be ready and willing to: <u>book a test</u> if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test & Trace <u>self-isolate</u> if they have been in close contact with someone who 	5	2	10



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			should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days. Parents will receive the above information via email and it will be displayed on our web-site.			
Risk to health due to COVID- 19	Respon se to infectio n	Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community (Must be followed in every case where they are relevant)	 Swift action must be taken when we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The HT should be informed to contact the local health protection team. <i>This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.</i> The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means: direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin) proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person 	5	2	10



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			 staff in different groups. This should be a proportionate recording process. We do not need to ask pupils to record everyone they have spent time with each day or ask staff to keep definitive records in a way that is overly burdensome. Schools must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others. 			
			 Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 10-day isolation period they should follow <u>'stay at home: guidance for households</u> with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'. They should get a test, and: if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days. 			
			 if the test result is positive, they should inform school immediately, and must isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u> Schools should not request evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation. 			



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Risk to health due to COVID- 19	Respon se to infectio n	Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice (Must be followed in every case where they are relevant)	If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak, and must continue to work with their local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.	5	2	10
			All confirmed cases should be recorded on the COVID-19 Confirmed Case record sheet on SharePoint. The HT should review the record along with the with the sickness absence weekly. The HT will work with the Health Protection Team where the trigger is met.			
			In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole site or year group. If schools are implementing controls from this list, addressing the risks they have identified and therefore reducing transmission risks, whole school closure based on cases within the school will not generally be necessary, and should not be considered except on the advice of health protection teams.			
			In consultation with the local Director of Public Health, where an outbreak in a school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary, in line with routine public health outbreak control practice.			
			Protocol for when the incident is over: In addition to the enhanced cleaning schedule, any items used by the patient prior to being taken ill must be cleaned as quickly as possible. If this is not possible, items should be removed from use until the scheduled clean can be completed.			



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			 All PPE worn by the supervising adult must be securely double bagged and retained for 72 hours before being put in the main waste and thorough hand washing must be completed before continuing with their duties. Schools must obtain an update on the individuals health, ensuring that Government guidance regarding testing and self-isolation is adhered to. Office staff to track cases and save file on the SharePoint for review by HT 			
Risk to health due to COVID- 19	Transport	Transport to school	 Communication will encourage parents, staff and pupils to walk or cycle to school if at all possible. Private cars use will also be an option. Where school transport is used the risk of infection should be minimised by: how pupils are grouped together on transport, where possible this should reflect the bubbles that are adopted within school use of hand sanitiser upon boarding and/or disembarking organised queuing and boarding where possible distancing within vehicles wherever possible Staff and pupils travelling by other means: you must ensure that travel is done safely; If individuals are limited to using public transport and social distancing is not possible, precautions must be taken in line with guidance (i.e. to wear face coverings). 	5	2	10
Pupils long term education, well-being and wider	Pupils Attend ance	 Attendance – this is mandatory from Autumn term 2020 parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a 	The attendance expectations will be communicated to parents prior to the summer holiday. Registers - Online registers to be taken (see register procedure) and children will not be walking freely around school.	1	2	2



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• some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school in September (usually at their next planned clinical appointment).

temporarily absent (see below).



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Insufficient staff to operate the schools	Staffing	School Workforce - from 1 August, we expect that most staff will attend school. It remains the case that wider government policy advises those who can work from home to do so. We recognise this will not be applicable to most school staff, but where a role may be conducive to home working for example, some administrative roles, school leaders should consider what is feasible and appropriate.	 Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will immediately offer them access to remote education. We will monitor engagement with this activity. Where children to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised. The recovery curriculum will support pupils that may be anxious when returning to school. Staff who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable and clinically vulnerable, will be mitigated significantly by the measures adopted in this risk assessment. We expect this will allow most staff to return to the workplace, although we advise those in the most at risk categories to take particular care while community transmission rates continue to fall. Advice for those who are <u>clinically-vulnerable</u>, including pregnant women, is available. Individuals who were considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable and received a letter advising them to shield are now advised that they can return to work from 1 August as long as they maintain social distancing. Advice for those who are extremely clinically extremely vulnerable from <u>COVID-19</u>. Any clinically extremely vulnerable staff will receive a letter advising if they should not attend work. These staff members will not be expected to be in school for the period stated on their letter. 	2	2	4
			Members of staff are deployed to enable them to work remotely where			



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health issues	being	the headteacher) work-life balance				
		and wellbeing. Schools should ensure	Staff risk assessment in place			
		they have explained to all staff the	Chaffe interal as a stimulation of the line of the shife of the formality			
		measures they are proposing putting in place and involve all staff in that	Staff virtual meetings and well-being check in calls/emails			
		process.	Well-being practices / resources shared			
		All employers have a duty of care to	HT and Mental Health Lead regularly review well-being			
		their employees, and this extends to				
		their mental health. Schools already	Staff handbook produced and staff have risk assessments and updates.			
		have mechanisms to support staff				
		wellbeing and these will be	Governor report updates on staff well-being			
		particularly important, as some staff				
		may be particularly anxious about	Use of national home learning resources			
		returning to school. The Department	PAM Assist/BCC Counselling Services / Education Support Partnership			
		for Education is providing additional support for both pupil and staff	promoted in staff areas. (Links available on SchoolsWeb)			
		wellbeing in the current situation.				
		Information about the extra mental	HT to discuss and agree any changes to roles as staff may need to be deployed			
		health support for pupils and	to different roles to welcome all pupils back to school.			
		teachers is available.				
		The Education Support				
		Partnership provides a free helpline				
		for school staff and targeted support				
Densile tit		for mental health and wellbeing.				
Pupils with	SEND &	Schools should ensure that appropriate support is made	Teaching assistants and specialist staff from both within and outside the school			
SEND do not	Teachin	available for pupils with SEND	to work with pupils in different classes or year groups.			
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appropriate	Assista		Where support staff capacity is available, this may support catch-up provision			
support			or targeted interventions. Teaching assistants may also be deployed to lead			



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	nts		groups or cover lessons, under the direction and supervision of a qualified, or nominated, teacher (under the Education (Specified Work) (England) Regulations 2012)			
Increased risk of infection and staff unsuitable being employed	Recruitment	Recruitment should continue as usual. Schools continue to recruit remotely over the summer period. During the summer, safeguarding checks can be carried out remotely as set out in <u>coronavirus (COVID-19):</u> <u>safeguarding in schools, colleges and</u> <u>other providers</u> . From the start of the autumn term checks will revert to being carried out in person.	Recruitment to follow government guidelines - summer appointments will be carried out virtually. From Autumn onwards social distancing recruitment will take place.	5	1	5
Staff absence due to quarantine	Staff absence	All Staff to be available from 1 st September	Staff should inform HT by 17 th July if they have booked a summer holiday where quarantine may apply to enable planning for Autumn term. RKST policy should be applied.			
Increased number of safeguarding referrals	Safeguar ding	DSL to review policy	DSL to be given more time in the first few weeks of the term to support staff/pupils.			
Pupils not having a healthy lunch	Catering	Food should be provided to all pupils who want it, including FSM and universal infant free school meals	Meals will be served in classes initially to minimise contact Packed lunches initially whilst operational procedures are put in place.			



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Premises meet all statutory requirements	Estates	Usual pre-term checks should be completed Once the school is in operation, it is important to ensure good ventilation. Advice on this can be found in Health and Safety Executive guidance on air conditioning and ventilation during the coronavirus outbreak. In classrooms, it will be important that schools improve ventilation, (for example, by opening windows).	Site Manager and Headteacher to ensure all statutory checks are completed before the start of term. Windows: where possible, windows should be opened to increase ventilation around all rooms used by staff and pupils. Staff to open windows to increase ventilation around all rooms used by staff and pupils. Windows will be open and more outdoor learning will take place so layers/coat/sunhat will be needed. Communicated to parents. Doors: bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding requirements, consider propping doors open to aid with ventilation and to limit handle use. Automatic fire door closers installed and these doors should be propped open at the start of every day.	5	2	10
Health & Safety and infection risks whilst off the school site	Educational Visits	We continue to advise against domestic (UK) overnight and overseas educational visits at this stage see <u>coronavirus: travel</u> <u>guidance for educational settings</u> . In the autumn term, schools can resume non-overnight domestic educational visits. This should be done in line with protective measures.	Any visits to be considered will need to be approved by the HT in advance of making any bookings/arrangements. Protective measures will be assessed and include: keeping children within their consistent group, and destinations must have coronavirus (COVID-19) secure measures in place. The use of outdoor spaces in the local area to support delivery of the curriculum will be supported. New educational visits procedures are under development and a full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they can be done safely will be undertaken. This will include the control measures needed to be used and ensuring wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues is compiled with. The health and safety guidance on educational visits will be arranged during 2020/21 academic year.	5	2	10



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Loss of school identity and tone	Uniform	We would, however, encourage all schools to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.	 Children are to wear usual school uniform from September 2020. As the school is ventilated in line with the risk assessment, children should be dressed in layers to ensure that they are warm enough. Additional fleece may be worn. To support parents that may be encountering financial pressures a considerate approach will be taken. PE days will be communicated, and children should attend school in their PE kit on these days as opposed to keeping their PE kit in school. PE will be undertaken outdoors and trainers are preferable to plimsolls at this time. 			
Increased risks of infection as a result of increased mixing	Wrap around care	Schools should consider resuming any breakfast and after-school provision, where possible, from the start of the autumn term. We recognise that schools may need to respond flexibly and build this up over time. We recognise that this will be logistically challenging for schools, particularly for clubs that would normally offer support across year groups, where parents are using multiple providers, or where childminders are picking up/dropping off pupils. Schools should carefully consider how they	 After school clubs will be class/bubble based. Children attending an after school club will wear PE kit on that day. Contact sports are not permitted. Hygiene measures applied to PE operations will apply to afterschool clubs. Breakfast Club and After school club operations are dependent on having adequate staffing and suitable operations in place. The operations of these clubs will be reviewed in late August/September with the aim of reopening where possible. Initial considerations include: Provision will be made in the hall to ensure that bubbles can be separated. 	5	2	10



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measures within the where po maintain the school use small Schools ca produced childcare, measures during the outbreake useful in p provision advising p of differe they acce Where pa providers for their of encourag that the p considerin measures providers	e their wider protective s, including keeping children eir year groups or bubbles bissible. If it is not possible to bubbles being used during ol day then schools should , consistent groups. an consult the guidance I for summer holiday , available at <u>Protective</u> <u>s for out-of-school settings</u> <u>e coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> as much of this will be planning extra-curricular . This includes schools barents to limit the number nt wraparound providers tess, as far as possible. arents use childcare s or out of school activities children, schools should te them to seek assurance providers are carefully ng their own protective s, and only use those that can demonstrate this. hysical activity during the	 The hall will be divided in four ensuring there is at least 2m between the groups Full risk assessment to be undertaken including the serving of food. Outdoor activities will be promoted. 		



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		take place.				
Loss of learning	Curricul um	The key principles that underpin our advice on curriculum planning are: education is not optional: all pupils receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. the curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects, maintaining their choices for further study and employment. remote education, where needed, is high quality and aligns as closely as possible with in-school provision: schools and other settings continue to build their capability to educate pupils remotely, where this is needed.	 Teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the autumn term but make use of existing flexibilities to create time to cover the most important missed content. All subjects will continue to be taught Within subjects of the most important components for progression will be prioritised. The https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-mathematics-in-primary-schools?utm_source=7%20July%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Emai l%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19 will be used to support identification of key concepts in maths. Teachers will consider how all subjects can contribute to the filling of gaps in core knowledge, for example through an emphasis on reading. Maths and English leads have worked with staff to identify key objectives to be revisited in September before moving to the new year group curriculum, part of 'Step Up September'. Adjustments have been made to the long term planning without removing any subject knowledge. Aim to return to the school's normal curriculum in all subjects by summer term 2021. 			
		Informed by these principles, DfE asks that schools and other settings meet the following	As part of 'Step Up September', additional focus will be given to PE and PSHE to support pupils physical and mental health and wellbeing as they return to			



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		key expectations if considering revisions to their school curriculum for academic year 2020 to 2021:	 school. Curriculum modifications will take place so teaching time is prioritised to address significant gaps in pupils' knowledge with the aim of returning to the school's normal curriculum content by no later than summer term 2021. Key concepts/knowledge will be identified and taught Staff will have access to the previous year's assessment data so they are aware of gaps that will need to be filled. <i>Plan on the basis of the educational needs of pupils</i> NFER tests for Maths and Reading will be administered at the start of September to provide a baseline for pupils and used to inform future planning. Phonics and writing assessments will also be given. Curriculum planning will be informed by an assessment of pupils' starting points and addressing the gaps in their knowledge and skills, in particular making effective use of regular formative assessment (for example, quizzes, observing pupils in class, talking to pupils to assess understanding, scrutiny of pupils' work) while avoiding the introduction of unnecessary tracking systems. 			
Pupils fitness levels deteriorate	PE	Schools have the flexibility to decide how physical education, sport and physical activity will be provided whilst following the measures in their system of controls. Pupils should be kept in consistent groups,	Activities such as walk a mile, lesson desk breaks, making break times and lessons active and encouraging active travel help enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing will take place. Staff training on the above will take place during Autumn term.			



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		sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups, and	PE will take place in classes.			
		contact sports avoided.	PE will take place outside and children will need warm PE kits to support this.			
		Outdoor sports should be prioritised	Children will wear PE kits on PE days.			
		where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between	Sports equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups.			
		pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly important in a	Sports equipment rotations may be operated in line with guidance.			
		sports setting because of the way in which people breathe during	Contact sports will not be permitted.			
		exercise. External facilities can also be used in line with government	Teachers/sports coaches will revise PE plans on this basis			
		guidance for the use of, and travel to and from, those facilities	Full risk assessment and staff guide will be put into place prior to September 2020. Where external coaches are used they must adhere to these procedures.			
		Schools should refer to the following advice:				
		guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation and				
		guidance from Sport England for				
		grassroot sport				
		advice from organisations				
		such as the Association for Physical				
		Education and the Youth Sport Trust				
		Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and				



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		organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities where they are satisfied that this is safe to do so. Schools should consider carefully how such arrangements can operate within their wider protective measures.				
Children have significant gaps in learning	Catch up support	Whilst headteachers will decide how the money is spent, the Education Endowment Foundation has published <u>guidance on effective</u> <u>interventions to support schools</u> . For pupils with complex needs, we strongly encourage schools to spend this funding on catch-up support to address their individual needs.	 Baseline assessments to be completed for all children by 11^h September, using NFER tests plus RWI phonic assessment. Ongoing assessments will take be integral to every lesson. Government guidance on catch up funding to be reviewed and implementation plans developed – pending the release of government guidance and detail on individua school funding. 			
Lost learning due to non- attendance (medical or lockdowns)	Curricul um	For individuals or groups of self- isolating pupils, remote education plans should be in place. These should meet the same expectations as those for any pupils who cannot yet attend school at all due to coronavirus (COVID-19). In the event of a local outbreak, the PHE health protection team or local	 For self-isolating pupils, and those pupils unable to attend due to COVID-19, remote education plans are in place. In the event of a school/partial school closure, immediate remote education will commence. Remote education plans will be confirmed by the end of September. Remote education plans will: use a curriculum sequence that allows access to high-quality online 			
		authority may advise a school or number of schools to close	and offline resources and teaching videos, and that is linked to the school's curriculum expectations			



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		temporarily to help control transmission. Schools will also need a contingency plan for this eventuality. This may involve a return to remaining open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers and providing remote education for all other pupils.	 give access to high quality remote education resources select the online tools that will be consistently used across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback, and make sure staff are trained in their use provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, for pupils who do not have suitable online access recognise that younger pupils and some pupils with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support, and so we will work with families to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum. When teaching pupils remotely, we will: set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher in the school or through high quality curriculum resources and/or videos gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum, using questions and other suitable tasks and set a clear expectation on how regularly teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, ideally including daily contact with teachers 			



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Pupils suffering with mental health issues as a result of the pandemic	Pupil Well-being	 Schools should consider the provision of pastoral and extra-curricular activities to all pupils designed to: support the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement address and equip pupils to respond to issues linked to coronavirus (COVID-19) support pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing 	 HT attend the Department for Education, Public Health England and NHS England webinar for school and college staff to set out how to support returning pupils and students. The recording will be available to access online afterwards - see <u>DfE - Supporting pupil and student mental wellbeing</u> Teachers can access the DfE relationship, sex and health education training modules for teachers to support them in preparation to deliver content on mental health and wellbeing. The training module on <u>teaching about mental</u> wellbeing, will form part of teachers CPD. The 'Step Up September' Curriculum will be developed to support pupils well- being. Staff guidance shared – SharePoint/email. Staff attended SWAN training and access to other. Return to School planning developed by ELSA staff and shared by Inclusion Manager. Staff to access MindEdlearning platform for professionals, which includes a <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) staff resilience hub</u> with materials on peer support, stress, fear and trauma and bereavement. Referral can be made to CAMHS and school nurse for mental wellbeing concerns as needed. 	1	2	2



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Pupils and leaders relationships become lost	Relationships	Visibility of leaders around school	 Leaders will continue to walk the school, particularly at times when transitions are at a minimum. Each classroom will have a demarcation on the floor where no children, furniture or equipment will be, enabling leaders to enter the classroom, speak to children, observe learning and generally be present around the school. Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes keep different bubbles separate. These will allow leaders to walk around the playground, observing and chatting to pupils at a distance. The school has also planned a timetable for whole school assemblies. Interaction from different classes through the use of MS Teams 			
First aid practices are carried out correctly	First Aid	Public Health England is clear that routinely taking the temperature of pupils is not recommended as this is an unreliable method for identifying coronavirus (COVID-19). For non Covid-19 related incidents, schools should follow their normal protocol for responding to accidents. There is no requirement for PPE other than what is normally recommended. Ideally staff within a group would be trained so that they could deal with non Covid-19 related incidents.	 Temperature checking: non-contact, infrared forehead thermometers must be used. Temperatures should only be taken if a person is displaying Covid-19 symptoms. Schools must ensure the patient is in isolation before their temperature is taken. Most staff have First Aid training and some have Paediatric First Aid training. Office staff to ensure that first aid boxes are fully equipped - one per classroom Each class to have access to basic first aid kit. First aid recorded on Medical Tracker 	4	1	4



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Risk of exclusion	Behaviour	Schools should consider updating their behaviour policies with any new rules/policies, and consider how to communicate rules/policies clearly and consistently to staff, pupils and parents, setting clear, reasonable and proportionate expectations of pupil behaviour. individual needs and should also consider how to build new expectations into their rewards system. Schools should work with those pupils who may struggle to reengage in school and are at risk of being absent and/or persistently disruptive, including providing support for overcoming barriers to attendance and behaviour and to help them reintegrate back into school life.	COVID behaviour policy amendments in place COVID home school agreement in place – to revise based on new guidance Pupils who are struggling to reengage will be identified. Individual risk assessments are in place where necessary. Staff will work with the Pupil Reintegration Unit where appropriate. Recovery Curriculum in place to support pupils return to school. We will: • proactively teaching new rules to staff (email and staff briefing) , pupils (Day 1) and parents (information leaflet) • regularly and rigorously reinforcing behaviour throughout every day • consistently imposing sanctions when rules are broken, in line with the policy, as well as positively reinforcing well-executed rules through encouragement and rewards new online superstar Posters will be displayed around the school remind people of good handwashing and respiratory hygiene Staff will need to explicitly teach and supervise health and hygiene arrangements such as handwashing, tissue disposal and toilet flushing.	4	3	12



Coronavirus (COVID-19) specific risk assessment notes:

Everyone needs to assess and manage the risks from coronavirus (COVID-19). This means school employers and leaders are required by law to think about the risks the staff, pupils and young people face and do everything reasonably practicable to minimise them, recognising they cannot completely eliminate the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19). School employers must therefore make sure that a risk assessment has been undertaken to identify the measures needed to reduce the risks from coronavirus (COVID-19) so far as is reasonably practicable and make the school COVID-secure. General information on how to make a workplace COVID-secure, including how to approach a coronavirus (COVID-19) risk assessment, is provided by the <u>HSE guidance on working safely</u>.

Schools should undertake a coronavirus (COVID-19) risk assessment by considering the measures in this guidance to inform their decisions and control measures. A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about identifying sensible measures to control the risks in the workplace, and the role of others in supporting that. The risk assessment will help school leaders and employers decide whether they have done everything they need to. **Employers have a legal duty to consult their employees on health and safety in good time. It also makes good sense to involve pupils (where applicable), young people and parents in discussions around health and safety decisions to help them understand the reasons for the measures being put in place**. Employers can do this by listening and talking to them about how the school will manage risks from coronavirus (COVID-19) and make the school COVID-secure. The people who do the work are often the best people to understand the risks in the workplace and will have a view on how to work safely. **Involving them in making decisions shows that the school takes their health and safety seriously.**

Sharing your risk assessment

Schools should share the results of their risk assessment with their workforce. If possible, they should consider publishing it on their website to provide transparency of approach to parents, carers and pupils (HSE would expect all employers with over 50 staff to do so).

Monitoring and review of risk controls

It is important that employers know how effective their risk controls are. They should monitor and review the preventive and protective measures regularly, to ensure the measures are working, and taking action to address any shortfalls.

School employers should have active arrangements in place to monitor that the controls are:

- effective
- working as planned
- updated appropriately considering any issues identified and changes in public health advice

Consulting employees (general)

Leaders are encouraged to ensure that consultation on any changes to risk assessments that will be in place for the start of the autumn term commence with staff before the summer break, to ensure that those that are on term-time only contracts have adequate time to contribute.